

**Sammamish Arts Commission
Meeting
May 16, 2011
Sammamish City Hall
6:30pm
Minutes**

In Attendance

Commission: Daphne Robinson, Deborah Akerstrom, Molly Strange, Bala Subramanian, Barbara Jirsa

Staff: Lyman Howard, Aaron Antin, Allison Gubata

Absent: Bharath Sankaranarayan, Rochelle Wyatt, Jingyu Li

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting were approved.

2011 Budget and Financial Report YTD

Total expenses reported to date: \$7,837.59 expenditure to date. Balance remaining: \$17,962.41. The expenditure figure includes expense of Tree Socks by Suzanne Tidwell. Balance figure does not yet reflect 4Culture grant of 3K for the artist. Credit will appear by end of year.

Carry forward of 5K was approved at the May 16 City council Meeting.

Recap of Meeting with Tim Larson

- SAC will send text only of news releases to Tim for editing.
- Tim will do a series of newsletter stories to encourage sign up for arts email alerts. We currently have 185 signed up for those emails.
- Tim need one (1) month lead time to print articles in city newsletter.
- Deb Akerstrom also has PR experience and has offered to view releases.
- Daphne Robinson will make regular update presentations to Council.

October Arts Crush

Barbara Jirsa will submit information.

SAC Mission Statement revised

"Integrating art and culture to create a sense of place, civic identity, and unique character."

Planning Meeting

Currently scheduled for September 24, 2011 to plan the 2012 event year.

Turkish Cultural Festival

Event to include Turkish folklore, puppets, traditional music, dancing and food. May include readings and Library. Bala will develop full marketing plan. Final event date to be confirmed.

Arts Fair Funding request

Additional funding request of \$1050 for performances was approved for the 2011 Arts Fair budget.

Stipend approved

Motion approved for \$700 travel stipend, for artist Henk Pander and filmmaker Jacob Pander, presenting documentary film "Painted Life".

Skate Park project

Artist Don Fels to serve as advisor on project and will begin preliminary site study.

Commissioner count

It was the consensus of the SAC to increase commissioner # to 9 and eliminate alternate positions.

Next SAC Meeting Monday, June 20, 2011 6:30pm Sammamish City Hall

"When action is led by thoughtfulness and driven by passion people can do great things."